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SUBJ: ALLENDE ON US INTERVENTION, 1914 TREATY AND ITT
EXPROPRIATION

1. SUMMARY. IN INTERVIEW CHILE HOY APR 19, PRES ALLENDE ACCUSED USG OF / DIRECT INTERVENTION/ IN CHILE, CONTEMPLATED EX-PROPRIATION OF ITT HOLDINGS IN ADDITION TO CHILTELCO, AND SAID GOC PREPARED TO INVOKE 1914 TREATY WITH OR WITHOUT US CONCURRENCE. OUR TRANSLATION RELEVANT PORTIONS FOLLOWS. END SUM.

2. ALLENDE WAS ASKED WHETHER GOC POLICY TOWARDS US WOULD CHANGE AS CONSEQUENCE RECENT REVELATIONS. HE DEFLECTED QUESTION WITH REPLY WHICH INCLUDED THIS PHRASE: "... I HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT NOT ONLY IS IT A QUESTION OF THE INVOLVEMENT OF TRANSNATIONAL COMPANIES, BUT THE DIRECT INTERVENTION OF THE USG IN OUR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS."

3. ON FUTURE US- CHILE RELATIONS IN FACE OF "HARDENED" USG POSITION: "IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, CHILE IS PREPARED FOR DIALOGUE. WE SHALL TELL THEM THAT CHILE AND UNITED STATES HAVE CHOSEN A COURSE WHICH IS TO TURN TO THIS TRIBUNAL (I. E. COMMISSION ENVISAGED IN 1914 TREATY) WHICH, THOUGH IT IS NON-DECIDING, CAN AT LEAST INDICATE A POSITION. IF THE US DOES NOT
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ACCEPT THIS WE WILL TURN TO IT UNILATERALLY, DEMONSTRATING TO THE WORLD THAT WE ARE USING INTERNATIONAL JURIDICAL MEANS... IF (THIS INSTRUMENT) DOESN' T WORK, IT WILL NOT BE OUR FAULT, BUT WE ARE WORKING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR OBLIGATIONS. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT WE ARE RIGHT. IN THIS WAY WE SHOW THE WORLD WE ARE PREPARED TO TALK, AND IF WE HAVEN' T REACHED AN AGREEMENT-- AND MAYBE WE WILL-- WE HAVE INTRODUCED THIS SOLUTION WHICH IS THE PRODUCT OF A TREATY WE ARE DISPOSED TO ABIDE BY. I BELIEVE IT IS A GOOD CAUSE. SPREAD THE WORD."

4. ON ITT EXPROPRIATION: " ANOTHER TASK BEFORE US IS MOBILIZATION TO DEMAND FROM CONGRESS, ONCE AND FOR ALL, THE NATIONALIZATION OF ITT, AND LET' S ADD TO CHILTELCO OTHER THINGS (OTRAS COSITAS MAS) ITT HAS HERE."

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